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I INSTANTLY took off my Night-dress, and put on that I had travelled in; which was not a little distressing after the Toils

of the Day, and the Want of Sleep for many Nights before; but, as it was in vain to repine, I tried to content myſelf with the Hopes of changing my Situation, the following Day,—when I had the Pleaſure of Mr. *Court*'s* Company to Breakfaſt, who, perceiving me ill for Want of Reſt, went in Queſt of another Lodging, though he was not ſo fortunate as to ſucceed.

* Mr. Court, a Merchant — John

John Arvona, the Slave, ſoon after waited on me with a ſmall Baſket of Fruit from his Imperial Highneſs, who had ordered him to inquire particularly concerning my Health: I deſired the Slave to return my Thanks to the Prince for the Regard he was pleaſed to ſhew me; and he was leaving me, when my Friend ſtopped him, and aſked, as a Favour, that he would en-

deavour to procure me a more comfortable Apartment; which he readily complied with, and agreed for Part of a new Houſe, which belonged to ſome *Jews*.

My Friend and I accompanied Mr. *Gould* to their Houſe, where we dined, and were treated with the greateſt Kindneſs imaginable; but I was under a Neceſſity of leaving them ſooner than I wiſhed, as I had Things to

ſettle in my new Lodgings; not that I was incumbered with Furniture; for a Cheſt ſerved me as a Table, another for Chairs, and a third to lay my Mattraſs thereon.

The Muſketa's were extremely troubleſome, notwithſtanding a Net which M. *R*—— had made me a Preſent of, whilſt I was at *Sallee*.

Mr. *Court* was conſtantly with us, and proved not only a valuable Acquaintance, but an agreeable, ſenſible Companion: Whenever he perceived, that I was diſtreſſed by the Recollection of my unhappy Change of Fortune, he endeavoured by a thouſand ingenious Contrivances, to ſubſtitute a Train of chearful Thoughts, inſtead of thoſe I had entertained.

Mr. *A*——

Mr. *Andrews* alſo viſited me, and would gladly have had my Company to dine with them; but he did not wiſh me to be expoſed to the View of the Populace, aſſuring me the Prince had many Spies to obſerve my Actions, and, if he ſhould, by any unguarded Event, diſcover the *Deceit* I had made Uſe of, I muſt, undoubtedly be confined to

to the *Seraglio*, and ſo loſt to my Family.

I therefore flatter myſelf that great Allowances will be made for my preſent Character, which, though *fictitious*, gave me the greateſt Uneaſineſs, as it rendered me apprehenſive, that the ill-diſpoſed Part of the World would unmercifully, though unjuſtly cenſure my Conduct; but I had no Reaſon to be under any Apprehen-

prehenſions from the Man whom Providence had allotted to be my Protector; for his Behaviour would always bear the moſt accurate Inſpection, and the Attention he paid me was as to a Siſter and Friend, as he ever ſtudied to reconcile me to my Fate by his Tenderneſs and Care.

We ſeldom had the Pleaſure to ſee our Fellow-Captives, as they found much more Amuſe-

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ment in the Company of the Ship's Crew, than with my Friend and myſelf, whoſe Converſation could not be entertaining to them, it being generally on our Misfortunes.

Another ſubſtantial Reaſon *was*, that the Sailors lived well, by Reaſon of my Friend's Generoſity, who allowed each Man Sixpence *per* Day, while in that Country, in order to prevent their

their turning *Moors*; which they muſt otherwiſe have done, or elſe ſtarved: For, as they were not Slaves, the Prince would have nothing to do with their Subſiſtence; and therefore the Indulgence was conſiderable, eſpecially in a Part of the World where Food of all Kinds could be purchaſed at a low Rate.

A very agreeable Day was paſſed by us with Mr. *C*——;

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and, after his Departure, I desired the Steward (who had been so careful of me on Board our Ship, and attended me as my Servant while in *Barbary*) not to admit any *Moors* into my Apartment; he was a faithful Man, one on whom I could always depend, and whose Behaviour merited my everlasting Gratitude. I was disturbed early the next Morning by *Arvona*, the Slave, who brought me a

Basket

Baſket of Fruit, dreſſed with a Variety of Flowers, from his Imperial Highneſs, who requeſted to ſee me, and had ordered him to wait on me to the Palace. Accordingly I dreſſed myſelf in a Suit of Cloaths, and my Hair was done up in the *Spaniſh* Faſhion.

Juſt as I had made myſelf ready, Mr. *Court* viſited me as uſual; but he ſeemed to be ſurpriſed

priſed at my Appearance, and walked very penſively about the Room, without ſpeaking a Word; which I could not then account for.

I parted with him and my Friend, and attended the Slave to the Palace, when, at the firſt Gate, I was obliged to leave my Shoes under the Care of the Soldiers, and then haſtened through the different Apartments, until we

we came to that where his Imperial Highneſs was. The Slave then left me, and a *French* Lad, who could be admitted into the Women's Apartments, was ſent for, to interpret between us; the ſame Ladies whom I had ſeen before, were at the other End of the Room:—He commanded a Cuſhion to be placed near him, and I was ordered to be ſeated thereon.

The Prince was tall, finely ſhaped, of a good Complexion, and appeared to be about Five-and-twenty. He was dreſſed in a looſe Robe of fine Muſlin, with a Train of at leaſt two Yards on the Floor; and under that was a Pink Sattin Veſt, buttoned with Diamonds: He had a ſmall Cap of the ſame Sattin as his Veſt, with a Diamond Button: He wore Bracelets on his Legs, and

and Slippers wrought with Gold: His Figure, all together, was rather agreeable, and his Addreſs polite and eaſy.

A low Table, covered with a Piece of Muſlin edged with Silver, was placed before him; and on that was an elegant Waiter, containing a ſmall Tea-kettle and Lamp, and two Cups and Saucers, which were as light as Tin, and curiouſly japanned with

Green and Gold; theſe I was told were Preſents from the *Dutch*.

The Tea was made in the Kettle, and he preſented me a Cup of it,—*which*, as it came from his Hand, I ventured to drink, though I ſhould have refuſed it from the Ladies, for very ſubſtantial Reaſons. When the Table was removed, I was introduced to a young Prince and

and Princeſs, and had the Honour to kiſs their tawny Hands; after which they retired, and a Slave brought a great Collection of Rarities, which were the Produce of different Nations, and and ſhewed them to me.

I greatly admired every thing I ſaw, which pleaſed the Prince exceedingly; and he told me, by Means of the Interpreter, that he did not doubt of my prefer-

ring, in Time, the Palace to the confined Way of Life I was then in; that I might always depend on his Favour and Protection; and that the Curioſities I had ſeen ſhould be my own Property.

I thanked him for the Honour he did me; but that, as I was very happy in a Huſband, who was my Equal in Rank and Fortune, I did not wiſh to change

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my Situation in that Reſpect, and, whenever it was agreeable to him, I would take my Leave. He looked very ſtern at my Anſwer, and made me no Reply, but converſed a little While in *Moriſco*; after which one of the Ladies handed me to the other End of the Room, and ſeated me before them.

One of them, in particular, obſerved me very much, and

ſeemed to be out of Temper; ſhe was a large Woman, but low in Stature, of a ſallow Complexion, thick-lipped, and had a broad flat Face, with black Eyes, the Laſhes whereof were painted of a deep Red; her Hair was black, combed back to her Head, and hung down a great Length in various Ringlets; ſhe had a large Piece of Muſlin, edged with Silver, round her Head, and raiſed high at the

Top;

Top; her Ear-rings were extremely large, and the Part which went through the Ears was made hollow, for Lightneſs; ſhe wore a looſe Dreſs much like the Captain of the Port's Wife at *Sallee*, only with the Difference of a Diamond Button to the Collar, and its being made of the fineſt Muſlin; her Slippers were made of blue Sattin worked with Silver, and ſhe had Bracelets on her Arms and Legs.

The Lady, whoſe Father, as I have already remarked, was an *Engliſhman*, talked to me in *Moriſco*, and was ſeemingly fond of me; and, by her Geſtures, I imagined ſhe wanted me to learn their Language.

I, however, aſked the *French* Boy what ſhe was ſaying, who anſwered, *Rien de Conſequence*; and therefore, concluding that what

what ſhe ſaid related only to common Converſation, and being deſirous of obliging her in Trifles, I imprudently repeated ſome Words after her, but found, when too late, that I had renounced (though innocently) the *Chriſtian* Religion, by ſaying, *There is but one God, and* Mahomet *is his Prophet.*

The Palace was immediately in the utmoſt Confuſion, and there

there was every Sign of Joy in all Faces; I was ſurpriſed and affrighted (though I knew not the Cauſe thereof;) which the Prince perceiving, ordered the Noiſe to ceaſe, and, at the ſame Time, ſpoke to the Ladies,— who inſtantly left the Room, taking me with them to an Apartment remote from that wherein we had been, and joining to the Garden; it was a large Room, much longer than broad;

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and crouded with Women, but moſtly *Blacks*.

One of them ſpoke *French*, and inquired very civilly after my Health: I aſked her, if the Place we were in was the *Seraglio*? She ſaid it was a ſmall Part of it, and offered to ſhew me farther, but I would not venture myſelf out of Sight of the Door I had entered.

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The Ladies, who had conducted me thither, left me, as ſoon as the *black* Women were in Converſation with me; and I ſaw them no more.

An old Slave brought me Chocolate, but its Appearance did not pleaſe me, and I declined taking it; for, indeed, I had been cautioned, by my Friends, againſt drinking any thing they might

might offer to me. After ſome Time, I began to be impatient, and extremely uneaſy at my being detained in that Place, and intreated them to permit my Departure; but, inſtead of granting my Requeſt, they endeavoured to remove my Anxiety, by aſſuring me, that I ſhould not remain much longer therein.

I, nevertheleſs, continued my Intreaties, though to no Pur-

poſe,

poſe, till a young Lad came in, who was one that attended on the Women; I immediately addreſſed him in *French*, which, fortunately for me, he underſtood; deſiring him to go with my Reſpects to his Imperial Highneſs, and acquaint him that I beſought him, as I was very ill, to give me Leave to depart.

The Boy chearfully complied, and, in leſs than a Quarter of an

an Hour, I had the following Anſwer from an *Engliſh* Renegado, namely, that I muſt attend the Prince, in a private Apartment.

I was ſhocked at the Oddity of the Meſſage, but, as it was my Fate to be reduced to paſſive Obedience, and Non-reſiſtance, without any Heſitation, I followed the Man through many

noble Squares, ſome of which were of white Marble, and the Pillars of Moſaic Work; with Variety of delightful Fountains that fell into large Baſons, and Lattices at the Top to keep out the Sun; but ſuch was my diſtreſſed Situation, that it was out of my Power to make any material Remarks on the magnificent Objects preſented to my View.

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When we entered the Saloon, where the Prince was waiting to receive me, I was amazed at the elegant Figure he made, being ſeated under a Canopy of Crimſon Velvet, richly embelliſhed with Gold: The Room was large, finely decorated, and ſupported by Pillars of Moſaic Work; and there was, at the other End, a Range of Cuſhions, with Gold Taſſels, and a *Perſian* Carpet on the Floor.

He commanded me and the *Engliſh* Interpreter to draw near his Perſon, when he converſed ſome Time with the latter in *Moriſco*; after which, the Man informed me, that his Imperial Highneſs wiſhed to know if I would become a *Moor*, and remain in his Palace; deſiring me to be convinced of his Eſteem, hoping that I would properly *conſider* the Advantages reſulting

ſulting from doing as he deſired, and promiſing me every Indulgence that he could poſſibly favour me with.

Though I was alarmed, and even greatly terrified by theſe Interrogations, I had the Reſolution to reply, that it was impoſſible for me to change my Sentiments in religious Matters; and that *Conſideration* was intirely unneceſſary to me, who was pe-

remptorily determined to remain a *Chriſtian*; but that I ſhould ever retain the higheſt Senſe of the Honour he had done me, and hoped for the Continuance of his Highneſs's Protection.

I could eaſily perceive that he was diſguſted with my Anſwer, from his remaining ſilent for ſome Minutes; throwing off the Maſk he had hitherto worn, he cruelly informed me, that I had,

that very Morning, renounced the *Chriſtian* Faith, and turned *Mahometan*; and that a capital Puniſhment, namely, *Burning*, was, by their Laws, inflicted on all who recanted from, or diſclaimed *their* Religion.

This Shock was ſo ſevere, that it was with Difficulty I ſupported myſelf from falling; and I invoked Heaven for Aſſiſtance in my Diſtreſſes, they being exceſ-

ſively great, and nobody near me that I knew.

As ſoon as I was capable of making a Reply, I aſſured the Prince, that, if I was an Apoſtate, it intirely proceeded from the Fallacy of the *French* Boy, and not from my own Inclination; but that, however, if my Death would give him any Satisfaction, I no longer deſired to avoid the laſt Remedy to all my Misfor-

Misfortunes; for Living, on the Terms he had propoſed, would only add an Accent to my Miſery, and I, therefore thought that the Preſervation of my Life did not deſerve my Care and Attention.

He ſeemed to be greatly perplexed by my reſolute Declaration; and, though he continued his Importunity, yet it was more with the Air of a Suppli-

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cant than that of a Sovereign,—though he was ſtill inflexible to every thing I urged againſt what he propoſed.

I, therefore, on my Knees, implored his Compaſſion, and beſought him, as a Proof of that Eſteem he had given me Reaſon to expect, to permit me to leave him for ever. My Tears, which flowed inceſſantly, extremely affected him; and, raiſing me up,

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and putting his Hands before his Face, he ordered, that I ſhould be inſtantly taken away.

The Man took me by the Hand, and, having hurried, as faſt as poſſible to the Gates, found it no eaſy Matter to paſs a great Croud which had aſſembled there.

My worthy Friend was on the other Side, with his Hair all looſe,

looſe, and a diſtracted Countenance, demanding me as his Wife; but the inhuman Guards beat him down for ſtriving to get in, and the *black* Women, holding me and hallooing out,—*No* Chriſtian, *but a* Moor,—tore all the Plaits out of my Cloaths, and my Hair hung down about my Ears.

After a Number of Arguments, my Friend prevailed; and,

and, having forced me from the Women, took me in his Arms, and, with all poſſible Expedition, got out of their Sight.

When we arrived at our Lodgings, I was kindly received by Mr. *Court*, who diſcovered a ſilent Satisfaction at my Deliverance; for, as there were Spies about us, it was dangerous for my Friends, at that Time, to ſay any

any thing concerning what had paſſed relating to me.

My Friend immediately ſent for a *French* Surgeon, a Slave to his Imperial Highneſs, to bleed me; which News being carried to the Palace, the Prince, as we afterwards heard, was extremely concerned, Bleeding in that Country, being looked on as very extraordinary, and never practiſed but in Caſes of Extremity.

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Mr. Crisp -- afterwards her Husband

This was, therefore, a fortunate Circumſtance, as his Highneſs imagined it was occaſioned by his Behaviour.

Three People, that Day, ran the greateſt Riſques of their Lives, on my Account; one of them by acquainting my Friend what they were doing with me at the Palace; another, we were informed, was ſent for by the Prince,

Prince, juſt after he had diſmiſſed me; who ordered him, if I was not out of the Gates, to bring me back to him; to which that good Man anſwered, that he had met me, with my Huſband, near our Lodgings.

I am under the greateſt Obligations to this worthy Slave, who had ſubſtantial Reaſons for deceiving his Imperial Highneſs, as he too well knew the fatal Conſe-

Conſequences of my Returning to the Prince.

My Friend, alſo, had been in imminent Danger, who had attempted to force his Way thro' the Guards, in order to reſcue me.

I was adviſed to keep myſelf very retired, the Remainder of the Day; and I ſoon went to my Bed; but it was impoſſible for

me to ſleep, who had ſuch a Dread on my Spirits.

On the next Morning, I got up very early to ſee our Friends, the Merchants, who heartily congratulated me on my ſafe Return; though they adviſed me to keep myſelf ſtill, in Appearance, ill, and to admit none to viſit me but themſelves. A Viſitor, however preſented himſelf, to whom it would have been very

very ungenteel to have denied Admittance: His Name was *Muly Dris*, and he was a Prince of the Blood.

He was tall, of a ſallow Complexion, and had fine black Eyes; he was alſo very polite, and a great Friend to the *Engliſh*: He converſed with my Friend in *Spaniſh*, and, when he went away, wiſhed us happy, and deſired, that I would keep

up my Spirits, for he did not doubt that all would end well; but I was in continual Dread, and could get no Reſt, Night or Day, for the Muſketa's; ſo that my Life was wretched beyond Imagination.

Mr. *Court* was extremely obliging, and devoted moſt of his Time to our Service; I was much entertained with his agreeable Company, his Converſation being

being always new and improving; and Providence was particularly kind in indulging me, in that Country, with the Acquaintance of ſo amiable a Man.

This Gentleman and my Friend were breakfaſting with me, when the latter received a Meſſage from the Palace, commanding him and the other two Paſſengers, with the Maſter and Ship's Crew, to attend; and the two

Merchants were likewiſe to be made acquainted with it, that they might, in like Manner, give their Attendance.

They all, accordingly, waited upon his Imperial Highneſs, when he told them, that the Reaſon of his ſending for them *was* to grant them Liberty to proceed on their Voyage; and that he would iſſue out proper Orders for their Journey to *Sal-*

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lee: That, notwithſtanding the great Indignities he had received from Captain *H. Parker*, when Ambaſſador from the Court of *Great Britain*; and the farther ill Treatment he had met with from the *Engliſh*, who had furniſhed his rebellious Subjects with Arms, Ammunition, *&c.* he would ſet them an Example of Moderation, as well as Juſtice, by permitting us to quit his Dominions.

The Gentlemen no ſooner returned than they told me what had paſſed; and I thought I was very happy, and flattered myſelf with Hopes that I might, once more, ſee my dear and diſconſolate Parents.

We ſupped with Mr. *Conneler*[x] and Mr. *Andrews* at their Lodgings; and it was the general Opinion, that we could not ſet out on

x *Mr.*

on our Journey, without proper Guards to protect us, and Letters to the Governor of *Sallee* to receive us as free People;—but, the next Morning, a Slave brought us Information, that the Prince had altered his Intentions, who now determined we ſhould go to *Safee*, and from thence to *Sallee*.

This greatly ſurpriſed us, and we feared he had not been ſincere

cere in his firſt Propoſal; which was a double Mortification, he having obliged the Gentlemen and Ship's Crew to ſign a Letter to Lord Tyrawley, Governor of Gibraltar, wherein he promiſed to releaſe us; and this was immediately ſent by Expreſs: But we imagined he had only done this to deceive our Friends, and prevent their demanding our Liberty.

I made

I made Preparations for the Journey, though we received no Diſpatches from the Palace.

Mr. Court paſſed the Day with me, and, in the Evening, we had a very diſagreeable Viſitor, the Meſſenger who travelled to *Morocco* with us; he behaved in a very inſolent Manner, telling me I was a *Moor*, and that he hoped his Imperial

Highneſs

Highneſs would oblige me to remain in his Dominions.

He demanded Fifty Pounds for the Care he had taken of us on the Road, and my Friend would have treated him as he deſerved; but he was a dangerous Man to have any Diſpute with, and therefore, on my Account, he gave him twelve Ducats. Though he ſeemed to be tolerably ſatisfied, when he left us,

I was

I was in great Diſtreſs at what he had ſaid, fearing he might uſe every Artifice with his Imperial Highneſs, in Relation to me; which prevented my getting any Reſt that Night; but the long-wiſhed-for Diſpatches were brought us the next Day, with proper Guards to attend us to *Safee*.

We immediately acquainted the Merchants who were to accompany

company us, and were at the Place of Abode of Mr. *Andrews*, who very kindly invited us to make Uſe of his Houſe, during our Stay in that Part of the Country; and we were intirely indebted to thoſe Gentlemen for providing Neceſſaries for the Journey, it being out of our Power to make ſuch a Proviſion.

Our Baggage was ready to ſet out at Eight o'Clock in the Evening;

vening; we walked out of Town, and met with no Interruption, as the *Moors* were obliged to retire into the City at Sun-set, and the *Jews* were eaſily kept at a Diſtance from us by our Guards; we mounted our Mules, and ſoon after croſſed the River of *Morocco*, and there reſted for the Night.

Mr. *Court* had diſpatched ſome of our Attendants before,

to

to prepare the Tents, and have our Supper ready; which was a moſt comfortable Change from that we had experienced on the Road from *Sallee*: We ſet out early next Morning, after Breakfaſting on Milk; the Roads were very good, and the Proſpect of the Country extremely delightful.

Mount *Atlas*, at the Back of *Morocco*, with a Chain of Mountains

tains about thirty Miles before us, preſented to our View the moſt agreeable Objects: We rode cloſe to the *Inchanted* Mountain, ſo called from its appearing to Travellers very near, when, at the ſame Time, many Miles diſtant; it was really *deceiving*, and drew my Attention more than any thing I had ſeen before.

We ſtopped, about Noon; for the Sun, being very hot,

made Travelling very fatiguing: We dined, and, ſetting off again in the Evening, paſſed over a high Mountain, the Top of which commanded a moſt heavenly View of the *Atlas*, City of *Morocco*, and its extenſive Plains.

Here we reſted for the Night, and, at Day-break, ſet out again, and pitched the Tents, though not until late, near a ſalt Lake, three Miles long and two broad, which,

which, from *November* to *April*, is a River, and, the other Months, quite hard: It was esteemed a great Curiosity, being fifty Miles from the Sea.

I rode over Part of it, and we only proceeded a few Miles farther, when the Tents were again fixed, for the Night, on a large Plain (called *Roseline*) which was very fine, but intirely uncultivated; we passed a few Hours

on that charming Spot, and then prepared for continuing our Journey; but, it being the *Jewiſh Sabbath*, our Servants (who were of that Religion) refuſed to attend us on that Day, until our Guards, by very ſevere Uſage, forced them to comply.

It was ſhocking to ſee the Subjection theſe poor Creatures are under to the *Moors*; for the greateſt Miſcreant amongſt them,

them, or even a Boy, may buffet and abuſe them, without their having the leaſt Redreſs; but, if a *Jew* ſhould lift his Hand againſt a *Moor*, he would be inſtantly put to Death.

We were happy in the Company of Mr. *Court*, who was always chearful and entertaining; Mr. *Andrews* was likewiſe very kind to us; which contributed to render ſhort and plea-

ſing an otherwiſe troubleſome Journey.

A Number of wild *Arabs* alarmed us, who had been watering their Sheep at a Well near the Road; they offered us Milk, but we refuſed it, being ſo adviſed by thoſe who knew it was a mere Compliment, with a View to get Money; and it was therefore judged to be neceſſary for us

us to plead Poverty, whilſt we remained in *Barbary*.

We were, ſoon after, met by a Governor, who, with a Party of Soldiers, was going to command at ſome Caſtle a few Miles diſtant; he accoſted us in *Engliſh*, which he ſpoke well, having learned that Language, whilſt Ambaſſador at the Court of *Great Britain*.

He made a very good Figure, and was ſo extremely civil, that he ordered his People to fire, by Way of Salute: But my Friend deſired he would forbid it, as I had not been well, and he feared it might be too much for my Spirits; which he very obligingly complied with, wiſhing us a good Night; and he hoped we would be chearful, as he did not doubt but we ſhould ſoon leave

that Country.—As he rode off, one of his People (out of a Compliment) fired his Muſquet on a full Gallop.

We ſtopped about three Miles before we reached *Safee*, where all the *Chriſtian* Merchants had aſſembled to meet us, and brought ſome Refreſhments with them: —A little Time was here ſpent in Ceremony, and then we proceeded to the Gates of *Safee*, where

where we diſmounted, on Account of a great Croud, by mere Curioſity there aſſembled, who obſtructed our Paſſage, and gave us much Uneaſineſs and Interruption.

Having, at length, entered the Houſe of Mr. *Andrews*, we were kindly received by his Partner, M. C~~onnele~~r, and welcomed, in a particular hoſpitable Manner, to their Habitation: We

* Mr. Conneller, now Conſul General for the Dutch. were

were entertained with a genteel Supper, and I was afterwards conducted to the Room allotted for me.

My firſt Thoughts were to return Thanks to Providence for the Happineſs I then enjoyed, in being under the Roof of thoſe who profeſſed the ſame Faith as myſelf. I ſlept tolerably well, conſidering the Fatigues of ſo long a Journey; and, in the Morning,

Morning, I waited on the Gentlemen to Breakfaſt.

In the mean While, the Governor of the Place made our Friends a Viſit, and told them he had received Advices that our Stay was to be only for fifteen Days, during which, we were to be treated as free People; and, in the Interim, he was to receive farther Orders, in Relation to us.

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Part of this Information was no Way agreeable to me, who feared the Prince was undetermined, with Regard to our Liberty.

Whilſt we were at Dinner, a Number of *Moors* ſurrounded the Table; but I found it was cuſtomary for them to enter the Houſes of *Chriſtians*, whenever they thought proper; and the Owners

Owners could not prevent it,—though they were ſenſible how diſagreeable it was to me.

When I retired to my Chamber, I employed myſelf in putting up all ſuch Letters as would have diſcovered my being a ſingle Woman, and delivered them to the Care of Mr. *Andrews*.

My Friend[*] alſo procured me a plain Gold Ring from a *Swe-*

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[*] *Mr. Crisp.*

diſh Captain, which I locked in a Cheſt, expecting a Search to be made, in order to know whether I was *really* married to him, or only made a *Pretence* thereof. —Such Precautions were neceſſary, in order to guard againſt the Dangers to which I was expoſed.

I deſired my Friend to write to *Arvona*, at *Morocco*, to learn what had paſſed at the Palace,

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after my Departure; for I was ever in Dread, that his Imperial Highneſs would again ſend for me, having heard, from undoubted Authority, that I was not indifferent to him; and, though he had diſcovered great Condeſcenſion in permitting me to leave him, when it was in his Power to detain me, yet I knew him to be an abſolute Prince; and, therefore, had Reaſon to be extremely uneaſy.

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I was, at Times, favoured with the Company of all the *Chriſtian* Factory; one, in particular, a *Swediſh* Merchant, performed excellently well on the Violin, and uſed frequently to accompany Mr. *Court*, who ſung in a moſt agreeable Manner.

Such Amuſements would have been delightful to me, had my

Mind been at Eaſe; but alas! the Situation I was in abated its Charms, and Solitude being the principal Object I deſired, made any Recreation irkſome to me.

Dreſs was a Pain to me, any farther than what Decency required; but my Friends were always contriving ſomething new to leſſen my Anxiety, and, the next *Day* being that of my *Birth*, intreated

intreated me to walk on the Leads, whereon was their Garden, which was greatly frequented.

Here I received many Compliments on the Occaſion; but, inſtead of the Joy that ſuch a Seaſon naturally produces, my Spirits were oppreſſed, and my Sorrows heightened by the Reflection that I had formerly enjoyed many happier Days.

I had entertained great Hopes of Letters from my Friends, the Diſappointment of which made me very unhappy, who very well knew how much they would be afflicted on my Account, ſhould they have heard the melancholy News of my being a Priſoner, in ſuch a Country.

Theſe, and many other Reflections, kept me in perpetual Miſery,

Miſery, and I often wiſhed to be taken from this World, as it afforded me no Conſolation.

I was in one of my deſponding *Reveries*, when Mr. *Court* entered the Room, and, ſeeing me extremely dejected, attempted to diſpel my Fears by his good Advice and obliging Expreſſions. But, though his Company was as advantageous as it was agreeable, the Satisfaction

I derived from it was but of a ſhort Duration; for he had juſt received an Expreſs from his Partner in Buſineſs, deſiring his Return, as he ſtood in Need of his Aſſiſtance.

This unwelcome News ſo greatly afflicted me, that I bade Adieu to Chearfulneſs; and my Friend was no leſs concerned than myſelf at the Thought of parting with a Man who had,

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on all Occaſions, given us ſubſtantial Proofs of his Friendſhip:—He left us, early in the Evening, to prepare for his Journey, and I was intirely miſerable, when I reflected on the Loſs of our beſt Adviſer.

I was alone, the next Morning, and extremely melancholy, when the Sound of *Mooriſh* Muſic drew me to the Window; I ſaw a great Croud, and, inquiring

into the Meaning thereof, I was informed, that it was the Proceſſion of a *Mooriſh* Wedding.

The Bride was *inviſible*, it being the Faſhion of the Country to conceal ſuch Perſons from public View; the Vehicle wherein ſhe was incloſed reſembled a Garland, not unlike that our Milk-maids carry on a *May-day*, decorated with Flowers and other Ornaments.

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In a little Time after this, the Bridegroom followed, on a Mule richly caparisoned, with a *Moor* on each Side, fanning him, to keep off the Flies; they went a slow Pace, with a Band of Music before them; and the Lady, as I heard, was not above twelve Years of Age, and, in all Probability, had *never seen* the Man she was married to, until that very Day.

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Theſe People having paſſed, Mr. *Court* came to take his Leave of us; but he firſt aſſured me, that he had been ſome Time with Mr. *Andrews*, and recommended me, in a particular Manner, to his Care and Protection; offering, moreover, if Neceſſity ſo required, to accompany him to *Morocco*, to prevent, if poſſible, by their united Endeavours, my Return to that City.

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Upon this, he embraced my Friend and me, ſending up to Heaven a pathetic Wiſh for our ſpeedy Deliverance out of Captivity; and then he departed from us, with all Expedition: But, though I was exceedingly diſtreſſed by ſuch a cruel Separation, I ſtill relied on Divine Providence for Support in all my Afflictions.

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We, now, received an unexpected Viſit from *John Arvona*, the *Minorquin* Slave, who had been diſpatched from *Morocco*, to guard ſome *Spaniſh* Bull-dogs, which the Friars, reſiding in *Safee*, had ordered to be ſent from *Cadiz*, as a Preſent to his Imperial Highneſs.

Arvona, in my Hearing, told my Friend, in *Minorquin*, that the

the Prince was very anxious, on Account of my Health; that he had often given Orders for his being called up in the Night, in order to talk with him concerning me; and that he frequently ſaid he would have me again to *Morocco*, becauſe *Safee* did not agree with my Conſtitution.

The Slave added, that he much feared his Highneſs's Reſolution, as to permitting me to leave

Barbary,

Barbary, would be of no long Continuance, notwithſtanding his Determination on the Day I left *Morocco*; and the Reaſon for his Apprehenſions was, that the Prince, being aſked if he would not ſee the fair *Chriſtian* before her Departure, after a Pauſe, replied; *No, leſt I ſhould be obliged to detain her.*

This honeſt Man promiſed to ſupply us conſtantly with Ad-

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vices of what paſſed at the Palace, and then ſet out for *Morocco*.

Arvona was no ſooner gone, than I acquainted my Friend that I overheard their Converſation, which gave me the greateſt Uneaſineſs; but he, being equally concerned, intreated me to be as eaſy as poſſible; aſſuring me, that he would ſpare no Pains to lighten my Afflictions, and undergo

dergo any Torments, rather than I ſhould return to the Prince.

Another Poſt came in, that brought no Letters from any of my Family; which greatly increaſed my Sorrow, who dreaded their being intercepted, as they would have diſcovered my real Name.

Mr. *Andrews* introduced a *Swediſh* Merchant of *Safee*; the Deſign

ſign of whoſe Viſit was to inform me, that he could, with Certainty, affirm, that an *Engliſh* Admiral was arrived at the Garriſon of *Gibraltar*, who had ordered that the —— Man of War ſhould be diſpatched to demand us.

This agreeable Information, however, gained little Credit with me, who had been accuſtomed to this Sort of Deception,

and even inured to Diſappointments.

The Gentleman, nevertheleſs, left me, to Appearance, well ſatisfied with his having been the Meſſenger of glad Tidings; and an Expreſs arrived, late in the Evening, with the following Letter from Mr. *Court*:

"Madam,

" Madam,

" IT is with great Impatience " I have waited, till now, in " Expectation that a Courier " might have offered for *Safee*, " and have given me an Oppor- " tunity of executing your Com- " mands, and, at the same Time, " gratifying my own Inclina- " tion, in writing to one I " have so great a Friendship " for.

" I muſt confeſs I am con-
" ſcious of my own Weakneſs
" in this Point, nor do I ven-
" ture to flatter myſelf that an
" Epiſtle from a *Barbarian* can
" prove any Way entertaining;
" or afford you the leaſt Amuſe-
" ment; but I am ſo far con-
" vinced of your Goodneſs, that
" I perſuade myſelf you will
" make Allowances for one who
" has been baniſhed, for ſome
" Years,

" Years, from every thing that
" is polite, and reſided in the
" ſouthern Parts of *Africa*, where
" there is nothing to be met
" with but Brutality and Inſo-
" lence.

" I ſhall not trouble you with
" a Detail of the trifling Oc-
" currences in my Journey hi-
" ther, having wrote them fully
" to your Friend.

 " When

" When I reflect on the Va-
" riety of Events in the laſt
" Month, they appear, at firſt,
" as a Dream, though I am ſoon
" afterwards fully convinced of
" the Reality of them: The fa-
" tal Day at *Morocco* never oc-
" curs to my Mind but with
" Horror, and, when I think
" how near you were being loſt
" for ever, when the Tyrant, to
" uſe *Phocyas*'s Expreſſion in
" the

" the *Siege of* Damascus, *would*
" *have sunk you down to Infamy*
" *and Perdition here and hereaf-*
" *ter*, it fixes a Melancholy on
" me, that I am not capable of
" shaking off, for some Time.

" Let me intreat you never,
" at any Rate, to repeat a Word
" in the Language of the Coun-
" try, not even the most tri-
" fling; and always avoid the

 " Room,

" Room, when the Governors,
" or principal *Moors*, enter.

" Excuſe this little Advice:
" Did I eſteem you leſs, I ſhould
" not give it you; but you en-
" groſs much of my Thoughts,
" and I can, with great Truth,
" affirm I ſhall not enjoy a
" Moment's Peace of Mind,
" until I hear you are gone from
" this Country, and happily
" reſtored

" reſtored to your Family and
" Friends.

" In the mean Time, while
" you are obliged to remain in
" *Barbary*, endeavour to recon-
" cile yourſelf to it; reflect,
" that it is a Misfortune you
" have no Way brought upon
" yourſelf, nor have it in your
" Power to remedy; have a firm
" Truſt in Providence, and be
" aſſured Virtue and Innocence

" will

" will ever be the peculiar Care
" of that ſupreme Diſpoſer of
" all Events, who is capable of
" extricating you from your
" preſent Diſtreſſes, at a Time
" when you may leaſt expect it.
" You are, thank God, in
" the Houſe of a worthy, ho-
" neſt Man, who, I am ſatiſ-
" fied, will ſpare no Pains to
" ſerve you; let this, in ſome
" Meaſure, alleviate your Grief,

" by

" by considering how much
" more dreadful your Situation
" had been, — had you remained
" at *Morocco*.

" I flatter myself I need not
" make you a Number of Protes-
" tations and Compliments, to
" convince you, that you have in
" me a real Friend: Your good
" Sense will do me the Justice to
" believe me, when I assure you
" those you were most intimate
" with

" with in *Europe* cannot be
" under greater Anxiety for
" your Deliverance than I am.

" I long for the Arrival of the
" General Poſt, that I may hear if
" you had any Letters from the
" Garriſon of *Gibraltar*: I diſpatch
" this Courier expreſsly to ſend
" you the Muſic you deſired;
" and let me once more recom-
" mend to you to keep up your
" Spirits, and ſhed no uſeleſs
" Tears:

" Tears: Give me Leave to quote
" you six Lines from the *Diſ-*
" *treſſed Mother:*

" Though plung'd in Ills, and exercis'd
" in Care,
" Yet never let the noble Mind deſpair:
" When preſs'd by Dangers, and beſet
" with Foes,
" The Gods their timely Succour inter-
" poſe;
" And, when our Virtue ſinks, o'er-
" whelm'd with Grief,
" By unforeſeen Expedients bring Relief.

" I am juſt going to drink
" your Health, which is my
" con-

"constant Practice every Day;
"it may be often done by Per-
"sons more worthy of that
"Honour, but never with
"greater Sincerity, than by,
"Madam,

"Your's, &c."

The Friars, who had been some Time in *Sufee*, for the Benefit of the Slaves, desired to be admitted to see me, as they were going to return to the Gar-

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riſon of ——:—The old *Paduan* ſtaid ſome Time longer than the others, as he had a great Deal to ſay; and he took great Pains to encourage us to chearfully ſubmit to the Divine Will:—He likewiſe aſſured me, that he would ſee my Family as ſoon as poſſible after his Arrival, and parted from us in Tears.

I had obſerved, that one of his Companions delivered a Letter

ter to my Friend, whoſe Countenance was extremely altered by the Reading thereof; and, therefore, when they were gone, I deſired to know its Contents, as I was very certain it came from *Morocco*.

I found it, however, a difficult Matter to perſuade him to grant my Requeſt; and he did not, at laſt, comply, until I promiſed

miſed not to afflict myſelf, on that Account.

The Letter came from *Arvana*, which intimated, that a *Moor* of ſome Conſequence (an Enemy to the *Engliſh*) would ſhortly be ſent by his Imperial Highneſs to *Suſſe*;—it appeared from his Manner of Writing, that he was anxious for my Preſervation, as he intreated my Friend to be particularly atten-

tive to the moſt effectual Meaſures to ſecure my Safety; but this Advice was unneceſſary, becauſe the moſt affectionate Parent could not have been more tenderly careful of me than he had ever been on all Occaſions.

I endeavoured to conceal my Apprehenſions; but *Arvona*'s Letter was never out of my Mind, and produced many melancholy Reflections, which almoſt

moſt deprived me of Hope, our greateſt Bleſſing, as they had already extremely interrupted my Tranquillity.

A Ship, a few Days after, arrived from *Holland*, which brought two Gentlemen, Paſſengers, who, as ſoon as they heard of my Diſtreſs, paid a Viſit to me. One of them was a Merchant, who had formerly reſided in *Santa Cruz*, and was

going, with his Companion, to *Morocco*, to ſollicit the Favour and Protection of the Prince, in order to re-eſtabliſh a Houſe in the ſaid City.

The Gentleman, had, as it was reported, formerly traded with great Succeſs in this Place, and, to the Surpriſe of all, the Proſpect of adding yet more to his Fortune had ſo ſtrange an Effect upon him, that the Difficulties

ficulties a *Chriſtian* is expoſed to, in that Country, were overlook-ed by him, as Matters of no Importance or Conſideration.

Theſe Gentlemen informed me, that they had heard a Meſ-ſenger was come from *Morocco*, whoſe Averſion to the *Engliſh* was implacable; and they there-fore adviſed me to keep my Chamber, it being believed his Imperial Highneſs had ſent him

to inſpect into the Conduct of me and my Friend. I was greatly obliged to them for their Information, and they ſet out for *Morocco*.

My Room-door was thrown open with great Violence, as I penſively ſat reflecting on the News I had heard; and a moſt forbidding Object preſented itſelf to my View. He, for ſeveral Minutes, fixed his Eyes upon

upon me, without ſpeaking a Word; and his Aſpect was as furiouis as can poſſibly be imagined. He afterwards narrowly inſpected the Room, muttering to himſelf in his own Language; and then, giving me another terrifying Look, he retired, pulling the Door after him, as he had opened it before. I was ſtruck with great Horror at his wild Appearance, and ſeemed fixetted to my Chair.

My Friend was ignorant of this Visit; who was walking, with the Gentlemen of the Factory, on the Top of the House; and, when he returned, I was, for some Time, incapable of acquainting him with what had happened to me.

He immediately concluded, that this Person was the Messenger who had been expected; and

it was ſoon after confirmed by Mr. *Andrews*, who came to inquire after my Health, and to introduce the *Daniſh* Conſul, who was on the Point of departing for *Sallee*, and had deſired to ſee me.

This Gentleman expreſſed a tender Concern for my Illneſs, and, recommending a Perſon, who, in his Opinion, had ſome

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Knowledge of Phyſic, he obligingly ſent him to me.

My Doctor adviſed my being bled; but, as I was diffident of his Skill, I choſe to defer Bleeding to another Opportunity.

He ſoon viſited me again, when he found my Complaint was a Dejection of Spirits, and therefore the intended Operation was totally laid aſide.

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The pleaſing News we afterwards heard from M. *R*——, was the moſt ſucceſsful Phyſician, whoſe Letter from *Sallee* ſpeedily reſtored me to Health, it being ſent to congratulate us on the Arrival of a Man of War; but, the Weather being bad, they had not reached the Shore.

I now began to entertain favourable Hopes of once more

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ſeeing my dear Parents; and, with theſe pleaſing Imaginations, I retired to Reſt; but my Repoſe was interrupted, in the Night, by two Shocks of the Earth, which continued a Minute and a Half.

The Fright I was in cannot be expreſſed, and, before I was removed out of my Room, a Part of the Cieling was thrown down; the Walls, though of a prodi-

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gious Thickneſs, were cracked in many Places; and the ſubſequent Noiſe may be compared to a Carriage going ſpeedily over a rough Pavement, which ended with a tremendous Exploſion; the Sky was ſerene, but the Sea made a great Roaring, and we afterwards heard the Shipping had greatly ſuffered thereby.

When I was taken back to my Room, and a little recover-

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ed from my Surprise, I returned Thanks to the Almighty for his Protection from the Dangers of the Night.

Mr. *Abdaw*[†] and my Friend breakfasted with me, when the latter read a Letter, which he had just received from *John Arvona*, at *Morocco*, inclosing a Copy of that which had been sent from Captain —— to the Prince, and was to this Purpose:

—That

[†] *Mr. Crisp*

—That he was come there, in the Name of Admiral *Hawke*, to know the Reaſon for taking and detaining our Ship, Paſſengers, &c. in a Time of Peace; and it repreſented, with the greateſt Reſpect and Humility, how much the King, his Maſter, would eſteem his Juſtice in ſetting us at Liberty, and that he might depend upon the Treaty, which had been concluded, being

ing inviolably maintained on the Part of his *Britannic* Majesty.

To this Letter his Imperial Highness answered, that, at that Juncture, his Cruiser was at Sea, and, consequently, his Admiral was unacquainted with any Peace being made; and, on his Return to *Sallee*, a Report prevailed that his Ambassador —— had failed in his Negociation, which was the Reason of his sending

ſending us to *Morocco*: That, on our Arrival, *He* (who always kept his Word) had declared us free, as well as the Ship and Cargo; and likewiſe had ordered the Crew back to *Sallee*, in order to refit the Ship: That, in the Interim, myſelf and other Paſſengers were ſent to *Safee*, to wait there until it was ready to proceed on her Voyage. His Imperial Highneſs farther declared, that he would, on his

Part, duly adhere to the Truce concluded with Captain ——, which would end in the —— following; but, if in that Time Peace was not ratified by the Court of *England*, he ſhould eſteem it as a Declaration of War, and order his Cruiſers to make Repriſals, and ſtop the Communication between the Garriſon of *Gibraltar* and his Dominions; ending his Letter with Complaints againſt the *Engliſh*, for

for furniſhing his rebellious Subjects with Arms and Ammunition.

John Arvona, moreover, informed my Friend, that a *Jew* was to ſet out in a few Days, for *Safee*, with the Anſwer to the Captain of the Man of War, and to negotiate Affairs with him.

The Prince, in his Letter, ſaid, that we might either embark on

board *our* King's Ship, or return to *Sallee*, and continue our Voyage in the Merchant-man; though he knew the latter was impoſſible, as ſhe was almoſt pulled to Pieces, and his People were fitting out their Cruiſers with the Materials; but, had the Caſe been otherwiſe, my Strength was too much exhauſted, by Illneſs and Sorrow, to be in a Condition to take ſo fatiguing a Journey.

The *Jew* ſoon arrived from *Morocco*, and, the very ſame Day, the —— Man of War anchored in *Safee* Road. A Boat was immediately ſent on Shore with our Letters, and among the reſt was one from my dear Father, who encouraged me to keep up my Spirits, and aſſured me that nothing ſhould be wanting to procure my Releaſe.

My Friend received alſo a very obliging Letter from Captain ——, who adviſed our being in Readineſs, though we could not embark, until the *Jew* went and returned from *Morocco*: He intreated us to make ourſelves eaſy, for he would do every thing in his Power to facilitate our Enlargement.

The *Jew*, who was a principal Perſon at the Palace, aſk-

ed my Friend, What Kind of Preſent he intended to make him for the Trouble he ſhould have on our Account?

He anſwered, that the other Paſſengers and Ship's Crew could not ſpare him any thing, and therefore the Whole of his Demand muſt fall on myſelf and him, who had but little Caſh; but he might depend on having as much as we could poſſibly ſpare;

which pacified him for the present, and he immediately set out for *Morocco*.

Our Negotiator, five Days after this, returned to *Safee*, with the joyful Tidings, that we were to embark the following Day; but the Badness of the Weather prevented any Boats from going off, neither would any Gratuity tempt the *Moors* to venture with us, while the Sea ran so high as it then did.

Indeed,

Indeed, I cannot ſay, that I much flattered myſelf, that I ſhould be permitted to quit the Country; but Providence was pleaſed to change the Situation of Affairs in my Favour; for, early the next Morning, I was deſired to get myſelf ready, as the Weather would admit of our Going, and the People were waiting to take my Baggage; —the ſudden Joy for this agree-

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able News oppreſſed my Spirits, and it was with Difficulty my Friends recovered me to a State of Tranquillity.

The Gentlemen of the Houſe attended me to the Strand, where I returned them my moſt grateful Acknowledgments for the Friendſhip they had ſhewed me, aſſuring them no Opportunity ſhould ever be neglected, wherein I might be capable of making

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the least Return;—the Sea, in the Interim, making a moſt diſmal Appearance, and its Waves riſing to a prodigious Height. After we had taken our Leave of the Gentlemen, my Friend was put into the Boat, in order to receive me; and, as ſoon as the other People had got into it, we ſet off for the Ship.

A *Moor* of Conſequence accompanied the *Jew* who was with

with us on Board, and took great Pains to perſuade me, that I was no *Chriſtian*; and he really ſeemed to be mortified at my leaving *Barbary*:—I was in extreme Dread, until we reached the Man of War, fearing a Signal from the Shore to order our Return.

A Chair having put me on Board the Ship, I was received by Captain ———, and all the Gen-

Gentlemen, with the greateſt Politeneſs imaginable, and general Expreſſions of Joy at ſeeing me ſafe from the Power of thoſe who wiſhed to detain me.

Our Conductors, after they had received a handſome Preſent, were diſcharged, in order to return to their own deteſted Shore; and, on my Going on Board, Captain ——— led me to his

his State-room, which he very obligingly reſigned.

I cannot expreſs the Comfort I felt in having an Apartment allotted to myſelf, after the cruel Reſtraint I had been under in *Barbary*, and the Uneaſineſs I had ſuffered on Account of paſſing for what I *really* was not.

All theſe agreeable Things, together with the Hopes of my being

ing ſoon reſtored to my afflicted Family, made me intirely happy: —I had, beſides, an additional Satisfaction, *viz.* that of having it in my Power to acquaint my Relations to whom they were indebted (next to Providence) for my Preſervation, as my Friend had, in every Reſpect, fulfilled the Promiſe he had made to my Father.

We cruiſed ſeveral Days, and then arrived at the Garriſon of ——,

Gibraltar, to the unſpeakable Joy of my diſtreſſed Parents;—it is eaſy to be imagined how happy I was on this Occaſion, and the following congratulatory Letter from Mr. Court not a little increaſed my Felicity.

"Madam,

"IF I ever experienced ſuch "a Satisfaction and Plea-"ſure as Words cannot expreſs, "it was when I firſt received

"the

" the News of Miſs Marsh's De-
" liverance from this barbarous
" Country; an Event I had ſo
" impatiently expected, and
" which, on Account of the
" Uncertainty of Things in
" theſe Parts, had given me
" the greateſt Anxiety.

" The Trial, thank God, is
" now over, and I flatter myſelf
" the preſent will find you ſafe-
" ly reſtored to your Parents,

" and enjoying ſuch Happineſs
" as can only be felt by thoſe
" who have been in your Cir-
" cumſtances.

" It gave me great Concern
" to hear you had been indiſ-
" poſed, before you left *Safee*;
" which I attribute to the cri-
" tical Situation you was in,
" with Regard to your Depar-
" ture, and the Fear leſt it
" ſhould

" ſhould not take Place; in-
" deed, I am a particular Suf-
" ferer by it, as it deprived me
" of the Pleaſure of a Line from
" you.

" I hope by this Time you
" are perfectly recovered, and
" have regained thoſe Spi-
" rits you had loſt ſo great a
" Share of, during your Capti-
" vity.

" I could not omit the firſt
" Opportunity that offered of
" moſt ſincerely congratulating
" you on your Eſcape; the me-
" morable Day at *Morocco* often
" occurs to my Mind, and the
" whole Train of Events, during
" the few Weeks I had the Ho-
" nour of being in your Com-
" pany, have made a laſting Im-
" preſſion on my Memory.

" It

"It is ſaid there is no Plea-
"ſure but what is mixed with a
"Degree of Pain. This I am
"now convinced of, for I can-
"not help repining at the Loſs of
"your Correſpondence, which
"I fear I am totally deprived
"of: I muſt confeſs, I am com-
"pelled to aſk the Favour of a
"Line from you at the Garri-
"ſon of Gibraltar, and another when
"you arrive in *England*.

" The particular Circum-
" ſtances that firſt introduced
" me to your Acquaintance, to-
" gether with the remarkable
" Oddity of the Place it hap-
" pened in, might plead in my
" Favour, eſpecially as the Re-
" queſt is no Way contrary to
" the ſevereſt Rules: But, when
" I reflect how much better
" your Time will be employed,
" and how few Moments you
" will

" will have to ſpare,—I deſpair
" of Succeſs, and can only beg
" of you ſometimes to beſtow a
" Thought on one who (to uſe
" the Words of Mr. *Pope*)

" *Though Seas come 'tween us,*
" *and whole Oceans roll,*

" has the higheſt Concern for
" your Welfare, moſt ſincerely
" wiſhes Health, and every
" other Bleſſing of Life, may

"conſtantly attend you; and I "beg Leave to ſubſcribe, very "reſpectfully, "Your, *&c.*"

It was not long after my Return, before my Friend[x] convinced me, that his Aſſiduity had proceeded from a ſtronger Attachment than that of Friendſhip, by a Declaration he made, to myſelf and Family, of his Love

[x] Mr. Crisp, a Merchant in London.

Love for me, and the Unhappineſs he was under at the Thought of parting with me; but he flattered himſelf, that the Confidence they had already repoſed in him by truſting me to his Care, with the Eſteem I had always profeſſed for him, would be a Means of removing every Obſtacle which might prevent his future Happineſs.

I was

I was not much ſurpriſed at this Declaration, but had many Difficulties to ſurmount on Account of my Engagement with Captain *T*——, whoſe Behaviour, during my Abſence, had occaſioned my Father's taking the Reſolution of never conſenting to this Alliance; and, indeed, it was ſuch as I had no Reaſon to expect: Which Determination, at firſt, cauſed me

many

many Tears, but my Friend's general good Character, the Gratitude I owed him, and my Father's Desire over-balanced every other Consideration; and, after adjusting some Family Affairs, not necessary to this Narrative, we were married, and embarked for *England* on Board a Merchant-Ship bound for *Bristol*. We sailed on ——, and arrived safe at that Port, after a Passage of seventeen Days.

Before

Before my Departure, I received the following Letter from Mr. *Court*:

Sallee.

" Madam,

" IT was with extreme Pleasure that I received your very obliging Favours of the 7th of *December*, and the 7th of *January*; the first signed with the Name wherein I had been used to address

" you,

1756. 1757.

" you, and the laſt with that
" you had ſo long *feigned* in
" *Barbary*, and which is now
" become *real*.

" Permit me to congratulate
" you, moſt unfeignedly, on ſo
" important an Event, as the
" entering into a State, in which
" I am perſuaded you will find
" the utmoſt Height of Feli-
" city.

" I

" I heartily applaud your
" Choice, which gives me an
" additional Proof of your good
" Senſe and Judgment, in be-
" ſtowing your Hand and Heart
" on a Man every Way ſo de-
" ſerving of you, and whoſe
" Conduct, during your Capti-
" vity, whenever it is related,
" muſt gain him the Eſteem of
" the honeſt and virtuous Part
" of Mankind.

" The

" The obliging Expreſſions
" you make Uſe of, on Account
" of the Services you ſay I ren-
" dered you in *Barbary*, are by
" no Means due to me; I ſhall
" not attribute them to Flatte-
" ry, knowing your Averſion
" to it; but muſt look upon it
" as a Goodneſs of Heart pe-
" culiar to Mrs. *Griffi*, which
" magnifies little Civilities into
" real Services; however, ſince
" you

" you are determined to rank
" them under this laſt Denomi-
" nation, do not think me too
" preſuming, when I aſk the
" Friendſhip of Mr. and Mrs.
" ~~Cuſp~~ for my Reward. I beg
" my Compliments to your Fa-
" mily, and I moſt ſincerely wiſh
" you all Health and Felicity,
" and am, with the moſt pro-
" found Reſpect, Madam,

" Yours, *&c.*"

F I N I S.